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4 **Rhenium-osmium abundance and isotopic compositions of massive sulfides from**  
5 **modern deep-sea hydrothermal systems: Implications for vent associated ore**  
6 **forming processes**

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23 **ABSTRACT**

24 Studies of rhenium (Re) and osmium (Os) concentrations and isotopic compositions in  
25 seafloor hydrothermal sulfides are an important tool for understanding the evolution  
26 of hydrothermal systems, allowing the determination of both metal sources and  
27 reconstructing the physicochemical conditions of their deposition. The Re-Os  
28 concentrations and isotopic compositions of 38 massive sulfide samples have been  
29 studied in different hydrothermal fields from the East Pacific Rise (EPR),  
30 Mid-Atlantic Ridge (MAR), Central Indian Ridge (CIR), Southwest Indian Ridge  
31 (SWIR), and Back-Arc Basin (BAB). The majority of the sulfides possess  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
32 that span a narrow range (1.004 to 1.209), which is most easily explained as a  
33 seawater-derived component. This may suggest that those initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  isotope  
34 compositions of ancient seafloor hydrothermal sulfide deposits which were formed by  
35 the mixing process between seawater and hydrothermal fluid, are possible for  
36 **analysing** ancient seawater **Os** components. Only two of samples  
37 (MAR05-TVG1-10-2 and MAR05-TVG1-21 from the Logatchev hydrothermal field  
38 (LHF), MAR) possess moderately less radiogenic  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (0.645 to 0.730), which  
39 may reflect the less extent of hydrothermal fluid-seawater mixing during  
40 hydrothermal ore-forming process.

41 The rhenium and Os concentrations and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of pyrite and Fe-Cu sulfide  
42 mineral aggregates (avg Re 11.46 ppb; avg Os 17.76 ppt; avg  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  11,980.4;  $n$   
43 = 24) are usually higher than that of sphalerite or Zn-enriched sulfide mineral  
44 **aggregate** samples (avg Re 0.31 ppb; avg Os 7.09 ppt; avg  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  206.99;  $n = 9$ ),

45 suggest that Re and Os are more likely to be incorporated into Fe- and Fe-Cu sulfide  
46 mineral facies. A significant positive correlation is observed between Os/Re ratios and  
47 Pb concentrations in the sulfide samples from the Edmond hydrothermal field (EHF),  
48 whereas Pb-enriched of sulfide is characteristic of low-temperature paragenetic  
49 association, suggesting that Os enriched under low-temperature (< 200°C) condition.  
50 In addition, our Re-Os data are used to estimate that modern seafloor sulfide deposits  
51 contain roughly 0.6 to 44 tonnes (avg 4 tonnes,  $n = 38$ ) of Re, and 1 to 48 kg (avg 8  
52 kg,  $n = 38$ ) of Os. The Os flux of global low-temperature hydrothermal fluids to vents  
53 is about 11 kg per year, and the excess Os (i.e. Os not incorporated in sulfides) may be  
54 carried and become bound in metalliferous sediment, Fe-Mn crusts and nodules distal  
55 to the hydrothermal vents.

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58 **Keywords:** Re-Os isotopes; massive sulfides; seafloor hydrothermal systems

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## 67 1. Introduction

68 The study of ore-forming processes of metals is a key to understand the formation,  
69 distribution, type, and size of seafloor sulfide deposits (e.g. Baker and German, 2004;  
70 Fouquet, 1997; Hannington et al., 2005, 2011; Rona, 2003). The strongly siderophile  
71 and chalcophile (i.e. easily dissolved in iron-rich and/or sulfur-rich liquids) (Shirey  
72 and Walker, 1998) nature of both Re and Os means these elements are often  
73 incorporated directly into sulfide phases. As a result Re-Os isotopic compositions of  
74 seafloor massive sulfides provide information about the sources of metal and  
75 ore-forming conditions (e.g. Brüggmann et al., 1998; Morelli et al., 2004; Ravizza et al.,  
76 1996). To date, the Re and Os distribution and isotope composition in massive  
77 sulfides has been determined for some ancient volcanic-hosted massive sulfide  
78 (VHMS) deposits in the Iberian Pyrite Belt (Mathur et al., 1999; Munhá, 2005),  
79 Southern Urals (Gannoun et al., 2003; Tessalina et al., 2008), Sanbagawa  
80 metamorphic belt (Nozaki et al., 2010, 2013), Red Dog deposit of the Brooks Range  
81 belt (Morelli et al., 2004), Kuroko ore deposits of the Hokuroku District (Terakado,  
82 2001a), Wanibuchi Mine (Terakado, 2001b), Gacun deposit of southwestern China  
83 (Hou et al., 2003), and modern Trans-Atlantic Geotraverse (TAG) hydrothermal field  
84 on the MAR (Brüggmann et al., 1998; Ravizza et al., 1996). In the Iberian Pyrite Belt,  
85 calculated initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values are  $\sim 0.37$ , which suggest that the continental  
86 margin sediments or the volcanic rocks are plausible sources for ore-forming metals  
87 (Mathur et al., 1999). In the Southern Urals, Russia, Re concentrations are quite  
88 homogenous throughout the hydrothermal system (10 to 30 ppb); however the Os

89 concentrations increase upwards in the hydrothermal system (98 to 1,000 ppt), which  
90 could be explained by progressive leaching of Os by high-temperature fluid and its  
91 re-deposition (Tessalina et al., 2008). Further, the Os isotopic compositions in Urals  
92 ore facies (including massive sulfide) is controlled by the mixture of hydrothermal  
93 fluid and seawater (Tessalina et al., 2008), with the majority of Os in the massive  
94 sulfides being derived from the submarine high-level mantle rocks (Gannoun et al.,  
95 2003). The Sanbagawa metamorphic belt of southwest Japan, hosts numerous  
96 Kimmeridgian Iimori Besshi-type deposits for which sulfide minerals possess a wide  
97 range of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values ( $\sim 0.10$  to  $0.67$ ; Nozaki et al., 2013). The more radiogenic  
98 initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values for sulfides from the Iimori Besshi-type are suggested to be  
99 caused by the entrainment of contemporaneous seawater with a more radiogenic  
100  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  value into the pristine hydrothermal fluid (Nozaki et al., 2013), which is  
101 also proposed for the modern TAG hydrothermal field ( $0.56$ – $1.05$ ; Brüggmann et al.,  
102 1998). In the Brooks Range belt, Re-Os data of 10 massive and vein pyrites from Red  
103 Dog deposit yields an isochron age of  $338.3 \pm 5.8$  Ma with an initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  
104  $0.20 \pm 0.21$ , which differs from the contemporaneous value ( $\sim 1$ ) of seawater (*pers.*  
105 *comm.*, Slack, 2014; paper in review to SEG). This indicates that only crustal sources  
106 older than  $\sim 410$  Ma are unlikely to provide Os in the ore-forming hydrothermal fluids,  
107 and that the unradiogenic value does not preclude a mantle-like source (Morelli et al.,  
108 2004). In the Hokuroku District of Japan, sulfides from four Kuroko, three Oko and  
109 one Keiko ores from the Kuroko ore deposits yield an isochron age of  $14.32 \pm 0.51$   
110 Ma, with an initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  value of  $\sim 0.75$  (Terakado, 2001a). This value is in the

111 range of the Miocene seawater  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  value (0.73 to 0.85; Peucker-Ehrenbrink et  
112 al., 1995), suggesting that the Os of the Kuroko ore deposits in the northeast Japan  
113 was mainly derived from seawater (Terakado, 2001a). In the Wanibuchi Mine (yields  
114 an isochron age of  $18.44 \pm 0.60$  Ma), the initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio ( $0.621 \pm 0.013$ )  
115 might reflect the contemporaneous local seawater ratio ( $\sim 0.57\text{--}0.66$ ) that was more  
116 affected by Os derived from the volcanic activities of Japan Sea formation (Terakado,  
117 2001b). In the late Triassic Gacun volcanogenic massive sulfide deposit, southwestern  
118 China, the Re-Os isotopic compositions of sulfide ores yield a 8-point isochron age of  
119  $217 \pm 28$  Ma, with an initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  $0.52 \pm 0.73$ , suggesting a mixing of  
120 hydrothermal fluid and late Triassic seawater (Hou et al., 2003). The radiogenic Os  
121 compositions ( $0.566\text{--}1.054$ ) of sulfide samples from the TAG hydrothermal field  
122 indicate that there is a variable mixing of ocean crust-derived Os and seawater Os, and  
123 this mixing is controlled by the redox conditions (Brügmann et al., 1998; Ravizza et  
124 al., 1996). Although the Re-Os isotopic composition of seafloor hydrothermal sulfides  
125 can provide important information on metal and fluid sources, mixing between  
126 hydrothermal fluid and seawater, and geochemical processes, little is known about the  
127 Re-Os isotopic composition of sulfides from seafloor hydrothermal systems in  
128 mid-ocean ridge (MOR) and back-arc basin (BAB), due to their low concentrations  
129 (Re < 0.2 ppb; Os < 2 ppt) in sulfides and the difficulty in obtaining pure sulfide  
130 samples (e.g. fine-grained intergrowth and the removal of other minerals such as  
131 sulfates and oxides). At present, analytical techniques developed by Birck et al. (1997)  
132 have allowed precise measurements of Os at a few tens of parts per trillion (ppt) levels,

133 enabling the analysis of more common sulfide samples (Gannoun et al., 2003).  
134 In this study, Re-Os abundance and isotopic compositions have been measured, for  
135 the first time, in the seafloor massive sulfide samples from the **EPR near 13°N and**  
136 **1-2°S, MAR, CIR, SWIR and BAB** (Fig. 1). We describe the characteristics of Re-Os  
137 abundance and isotopic composition in sulfides, in combination with major elements  
138 of sulfide samples, characterize the seawater Os contributions, **attempt to** understand  
139 the implications of initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  for ancient seafloor hydrothermal sulfide  
140 deposits, reveal the enrichment condition of Re-Os, and evaluate the Os flux from  
141 hydrothermal fluid to seafloor hydrothermal precipitation.

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155 **2. Sampling and methods**

156 In 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, during the DY105-17, DY115-19, DY115-20,  
157 and DY115-21 cruises of R/V *Dayang Yihao*, sulfide samples were recovered by  
158 TV-grab samplers from several sites. These included the fast-spreading EPR near  
159 13°N; the ultra-fast spreading EPR near 1-2°S; the Kairei hydrothermal field (KHF)  
160 and Edmond hydrothermal field (EHF) on the intermediate-spreading CIR near 25°S;  
161 the A area on the ultra-slow spreading SWIR; and the LHF on the slow-spreading  
162 MAR. Sulfide samples from Sonne 99 hydrothermal field (S99HF) in the back-arc  
163 North Fiji Basin (NFB) were collected in 1998 during the SO134 cruise of the R/V  
164 *Sonne* for the German HYFIFLUX II project (Fig. 1).

165 In the EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, KHF, EHF, A area, and S99HF, the massive sulfide  
166 deposits are hosted by mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORBs). In the LHF, the massive  
167 sulfide deposit is associated with ultramafic rocks located in a debris flow consisting  
168 of heterogeneous ultramafic and mafic intrusive rocks, including serpentinized  
169 harzburgite, serpentinized dunite, gabbro-norite, and olivine-bearing basalt (Petersen et  
170 al., 2009). Massive sulfide deposits include both focused high-temperature (> 300°C)  
171 fluid outflow through chimneys as well as low-temperature (< 200°C) fluids from  
172 mounds in the EPR near 13°N, KHF, EHF, LHF, and S99HF (Gallant and Von Damm,  
173 2006; Koschinsky et al., 2002; Merlivat et al., 1987; Michard et al., 1984; Petersen et  
174 al., 2009). Table 1 and Fig. 2 contain information about the sampling location, depth,  
175 and mineralogy of the massive sulfide samples. Most massive sulfide samples  
176 indicating multi-stage deposition consist of major pyrite ± marcasite, chalcopyrite,



177 sphalerite, and minor barite, Pb-sulfide or galena.

178 Massive sulfide samples were carefully taken from distinct zones or representative  
179 portions of the sulfides. All of the samples were crushed and sieved to select sulfide  
180 grains between 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and 2 mm, and then sulfides and some gangue minerals were  
181 separated by ethanol elutriation. As most of the samples were fine-grained and  
182 intergrown, we used an integrated mechanical separating method (including a  
183 high-frequency dielectric splitter, a magnetic separator, and an electromagnetic  
184 separator) to obtain ~200–500 mg of pure monomineralic or mineral **aggregate**  
185 samples. All sulfide mineral samples for Re-Os analysis were then hand-picked  
186 carefully under a binocular microscope to avoid sulfates and oxides. **In oxidizing**  
187 **conditions, Re is highly soluble (Crusius et al., 1996), and the seawater-derived**  
188 **hydrogenous Os can be scavenged by Fe-oxides (Ravizza et al., 1996), and**  
189 **Pierson-Wickmann et al. (2002) also showed that Os liberated during alteration was**  
190 **partially re-precipitated in oxides, with Os isotope compositions very similar to those**  
191 **of the original rocks. Whereas, a large amount of Re can be lost during alteration**  
192 **processes (Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Hannigan, 2000). As such, it is possible that the**  
193 **post-depositional oxidation can affect the Re and Os abundances and isotope**  
194 **composition of primary sulfide (e.g. Brüggmann et al., 1998; Gannoun et al., 2003;**  
195 **Ravizza et al., 1996). As a result we took care to avoid the effects of oxidation.**

196 These samples were divided into sub-samples, which were placed in distilled water,  
197 exposed to ultrasonic waves for 15min, and then washed in **de-ionised Milli-Q** water  
198 (18.2 M $\Omega$ ) to remove impurities from the surface. The samples were dried at 65 and

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221 2.1. Fe, Cu, Pb and Zn determinations

222 Exactly 40mg of the < 200 µm powders were weighed, then added to Teflon vials.  
223 Next, 0.5 mL of 22.5 mol/L pure HF, 2 mL of 12 mol/L pure HCl were added in turn  
224 and the samples were heated at 150°C for 24h in closed vials on an electrothermal  
225 plate. After that, 0.6 mL of 16 mol/L pure HNO<sub>3</sub> was added and heated in closed vials  
226 at 150°C for 12h. Then samples were dried until no white smoke was present. When  
227 the samples were dry, 1mL of 16 mol/L pure HNO<sub>3</sub> and 1mL de-ionised Milli-Q water  
228 (18.2 MΩ) were added to re-dissolve for 12h (Yin et al., 2011). All acids above are  
229 MOS (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor) pure grade. Finally, Fe, Cu, Pb, and Zn were  
230 analyzed by IRIS Intrepid II XSP ICP-AES (Thermo Fisher Scientific) at Qingdao  
231 Institute of Marine Geology, relative standard deviation (RSD) < 2%. The reference  
232 materials GBW07267, GBW07268, GBW07270, and WMS-1A were run as external  
233 standards to evaluate the accuracy.

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243 2.2. Rhenium-Osmium Analysis

244 Rhenium and Os abundance and isotope analyses were performed in the TOTAL  
245 Laboratory for Source Rock Geochronology and Geochemistry (a member of the  
246 Durham Geochemistry Centre) at Durham University, following standard protocols  
247 (Selby et al., 2009). In brief, rhenium and osmium were purified from the sulfide  
248 samples (~400 mg) using carius tube digestion with HCL-HNO<sub>3</sub> medium, with the Os  
249 isolated and purified using solvent extraction and micro-distillation. Rhenium was  
250 separated using anion chromatography. Isotope ratios of Re and Os were determined  
251 using negative thermal ionization mass spectrometry on a Thermo Fisher Scientific  
252 TRITON mass spectrometer. Analytical blanks ( $2.5 \pm 0.06$  pg and  $0.2 \pm 0.1$  pg;  $1\sigma$ ,  $n$   
253 = 3; respectively for Re and Os, with an average  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio of  $0.25 \pm 0.03$ ) and  
254 results for standard in-house solutions run during this study are identical to those  
255 previously published ( $^{185}\text{Re}/^{187}\text{Re} = 0.598251 \pm 0.001510$ ,  $1\sigma$  S.D.,  $n = 13$ ;  
256  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio  $0.160912 \pm 0.000559$ ,  $1\sigma$ ,  $n = 13$ ) (Nowell et al., 2008; Selby et al.,  
257 2009). Uncertainties for  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  are determined by full error  
258 propagation of uncertainties in Re and Os mass spectrometer measurements, blank  
259 abundances and isotopic compositions, spike calibrations and reproducibility of  
260 standard Re and Os isotopic values.

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265 **3. Results**

266 *3.1. Re and Os concentrations in sulfides*

267 Rhenium and Os concentrations and isotopic data are shown in Table 2. Massive  
268 sulfides from the EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, MAR, CIR, SWIR, and BAB have Os  
269 concentrations between 1.7 and 79.9 ppt and Re concentrations between 0.10 and  
270 73.60 ppb (Table 2; Figs. 3a, 3b). The Re concentrations in the S99HF are variable  
271 (0.10 to 73.60 ppb), and show the largest range, which exhibit two highest  
272 concentrations (44.45 and 73.60 ppb) and one lowest concentration (0.10 ppb) in the  
273 massive sulfide samples (Table 2). The Os concentrations of sulfide samples from the  
274 EHF is significantly more variable (1.7 to 79.9 ppt) than that of sulfide samples from  
275 the other hydrothermal fields, if we exclude the three samples (IR05-TVG12-8-2,  
276 IR05-TVG13-9.2-1, and 19III-S18-TVG9), the remaining samples do not exhibit  
277 much variability (1.7 to 8.84 ppt) (Table 2). The Os concentrations of sulfide samples  
278 from the EPR near 13°N consist also a large range (5.74 to 53.36 ppt). Further, Re  
279 concentrations of pyrite and Fe-Cu sulfide mineral aggregate samples are usually  
280 higher than that of sphalerite or Zn-enriched sulfide mineral aggregates in massive  
281 sulfide samples (Table 1, 2; Fig. 4a). The overall ranges in Os contents in massive  
282 sulfide samples from the EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, LHF, EHF, KHF, A area, and  
283 NFB are roughly similar (Table 2; Fig. 3a).

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287 3.2. Re-Os isotopic compositions of the sulfides

288 The measured  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  value in the sulfide samples varied from 0.645 to 1.209  
289 (Table 2), with no relationship shown between  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio and mineral aggregate  
290 type (e.g. Fe-sulfide, Fe-Cu sulfide, Zn-rich sulfide) (Fig. 4c). The  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios  
291 of all samples are significantly more radiogenic than that of MORB (Fig. 3c). Most of  
292 the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios agree with or are slightly less radiogenic than the value for  
293 modern seawater ( $\sim 1.06$ ), which is similar to that estimated for seawater  $\sim 2$  ka  
294 (Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Ravizza, 2000) (Fig. 3c). Only two samples possess  
295  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios that are significantly lower than that of seawater ( $0.645 \pm 0.066$ ,  
296 MAR05-TVG1-10-2, and  $0.730 \pm 0.066$ , MAR05-TVG1-21 from the LHF, MAR)  
297 (Fig. 3c).

298 The sulfide samples have a significantly large range of  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios (from 64 to  
299 100,334) (Fig. 3d), although  $^{187}\text{Os}$  ingrowth could change the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of the  
300 sulfide samples during a relatively short interval of time (Brügmann et al., 1998), the  
301 young age (e.g. 1,900–2,100 yr, sulfides of the EPR near 13°N; Lalou et al., 1985) of  
302 sulfides precludes any notable  $^{187}\text{Os}$  ingrowth despite the large  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios (e.g.  
303 sample EPR05-TVG2-1-1 and EPR05-TVG2-1-6). The rather constant  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
304 values in most samples with very different Re/Os ratios also show insignificant  $^{187}\text{Os}$   
305 ingrowth (Brügmann et al., 1998; Table 2). For example, for the most Re enriched  
306 sample (42GTV-3, 73.6 ppb Re) only 1.8 ppq  $^{187}\text{Os}$  would be generated in  $\sim 2$  ka. In  
307 addition,  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of pyrite and Fe-Cu sulfide mineral aggregates in the  
308 massive sulfide samples are usually higher than that of sphalerite or Zn-enriched

309 sulfide mineral aggregate samples (Fig. 4d).

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331 **4. Discussion**

332 *4.1. Seawater osmium contributions*

333 It is known that the Os isotopic composition of MORB is about 0.133 (Gannoun et al.,  
334 2007; Schiano et al., 1997), and is about 0.121 in abyssal peridotite (Harvey et al.,  
335 2006; Snow et al., 1995). The  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of hydrothermal fluids from the Juan  
336 de Fuca Ridge are from ~0.110 to 1.04 (Sharma et al., 2000, 2007), which are between  
337 MORB (~0.133) and seawater (~1.06). The Os isotopic ratio of present-day and ~ 2 ka  
338 seawater is radiogenic (~ 1.0; Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Ravizza, 2000), significantly  
339 different from unradiogenic Os isotopic compositions of MORB and ultramafic rocks  
340 (e.g. Roy-Barman and Allègre, 1994). Therefore, the Os isotopic compositions of  
341 massive sulfides can be used as evidence for the source of osmium and by inference  
342 the associated metals (Fe, Cu, Zn) as well as the physicochemical processes involved  
343 during metal mobilization (Brügmann et al., 1998).

344 The majority of the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values for the massive sulfide samples fall in a narrow  
345 range (0.968–1.209) (Fig. 3c, 5), that are close to or within uncertainty of the modern  
346 seawater  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  value (~ 1.06; Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Ravizza, 2000), and  
347 significantly more radiogenic than that of MORB (Fig. 3c, 5). All the Os isotopic data  
348 in sulfide samples from the EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, KHF, EHF, A area, and S99HF  
349 indicates that the Os is mainly derived from seawater (Fig. 5b), which can be  
350 interpreted as evidence of entrainment of seawater into hydrothermal fluids (e.g.  
351 Ravizza et al., 1996; Roy-Barman and Allègre, 1994).

352 In the ancient VMS deposits, initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  isotope compositions vary greatly



353 even in the same deposit. Take the Iberian Pyrite Belt for example, initial osmium  
354 isotope ratios of pyrites in sulfide-rich stockwork ores are from 0.451 to 1.08, much  
355 lower than those in pyrites from cassiterite-rich stockwork ores (4.89 to 7.85), and let  
356 alone massive copper-tin ores (0.376 to 14.1) (Mathur et al., 1999; Munhá et al.,  
357 2005). The high initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios were interpreted to be affected by late  
358 hydrothermal and Variscan metamorphic isotope disturbances (Munhá et al., 2005),  
359 making the ratios **inappropriate** for tracing of the ancient contemporaneous seawater  
360 composition. However, the initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio ( $0.49 \pm 0.07$ ) of Neves-Corvo  
361 sulfide-rich stockwork ores in the Iberian Pyrite Belt, obtained according to best-fit  
362 calculations on the isochron ( $358 \pm 29$  Ma) (Munhá et al., 2005) is **nearly identical** to  
363 that inferred for Late Devonian ( $358 \pm 9$  Ma) seawater ( $\sim 0.3\text{--}0.7$ ; Harris et al., 2013).  
364 Further, **the Os isotopic composition of Middle Devonian Givetian ( $\sim 385$  Ma)**  
365 seawater is estimated to be the same as the initial Os isotopic ratio of Devonian  
366 seafloor metalliferous sediments ( $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} \sim 0.17\text{--}0.2$ ) in the Southern Urals,  
367 which **is** associated with Alexandrinka sulfide deposit (Harris et al., 2013; Tessalina et  
368 al., 2008). **In the Sanbagawa metamorphic belt, the Re-Os isotopic compositions of**  
369 **massive sulfides from the Iimori Besshi-type deposit, yield a model isochron age**  
370 **( $148.4 \pm 1.4$  Ma) and an initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  $0.41 \pm 0.14$  (Nozaki et al., 2013), which**  
371 **is similar** to the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of ancient seawater which recorded by the  
372 individual organic-rich mudstones (ancient seawater age  $155 \pm 4.3$  Ma, initial  
373  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  $0.59 \pm 0.07$ ; Cohen et al., 1999), suggesting that these ancient sulfide  
374 deposits were formed by the mixing process between ancient seawater and

375 hydrothermal fluid, and their initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios were not altered by later  
376 hydrothermal fluids or metamorphism after a long geologic period. If it is true, the  
377 initial Os isotopic ratios of ancient sulfide deposits can be used in discussion of the  
378 origin of Os and by inference the associated metals.

379 The Os isotope composition of seawater has varied through time (Peucker-Ehrenbrink  
380 and Ravizza, 2012). Although the Paleozoic record is poorly established, the Cenozoic  
381 record shows a progressive trend towards radiogenic values. If seafloor sulfides  
382 predominantly record seawater values of Os then this proposes that ancient deposits  
383 will have variable Os.

384 In addition, Os isotopic compositions of at last two samples ( $0.645 \pm 0.066$ ,  
385 MAR05-TVG1-10-2, and  $0.730 \pm 0.066$ , MAR05-TVG1-21) from the LHF in the  
386 MAR are less radiogenic than that of ambient seawater, suggesting it is likely to have  
387 been influenced by both radiogenic Os from seawater and unradiogenic Os released  
388 by alteration of the MORB and/or the ultramafic rocks (Fig. 5a). According to the  
389 mixing trajectories calculated using the method outlined by Langmuir et al. (1978),  
390 the mixing curve between the MORBs end member (Os concentration 13.26 ppt,  
391  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio 0.136; Gannoun et al., 2007; Schiano et al., 1997), which are usually  
392 considered as the source component of seafloor hydrothermal fluid and seawater (Os  
393 concentration 0.01 ppt,  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio 1.06; Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Ravizza, 2000)  
394 fits most of the Os data points of massive sulfide samples, with  $r_{\text{SB}} = 0.1$  (Fig. 5b).  
395 Further, the less radiogenic  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios (e.g. sample MAR05-TVG1-10-2 and  
396 MAR05-TVG1-21) indicate that Os derived from alteration of the oceanic crust is

397 released to hydrothermal fluid in association with mixing process between seawater  
398 and fluid (Brügmann et al., 1998; Ravizza et al., 1996), which can be taken place both  
399 at vent site and in the sub-seafloor where seawater commonly is entrained within  
400 pre-existing sulfide deposit (e.g. hydrothermal mounds, layers, lenses, feeder zones,  
401 etc.) (e.g. Rona and Scott, 1993; Zierenberg et al., 1998), and comparing to other  
402 sulfides (e.g. EPR near 1-2°S, KHF, S99HF), reflect a relative less proportion of  
403 seawater component incorporated into these sulfides during mixing between seawater  
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419 *4.2. Re-Os enrichment*

420 Rhenium concentrations of this study are partly lower (0.1 to 73.60 ppb) than that of  
421 sulfides from the Iimori Besshi-type massive sulfide deposit (24 to 300 ppb; Nozaki et  
422 al., 2010), the Alexandrinka ancient seafloor hydrothermal system (11 to 31 ppb;  
423 Tessalina et al., 2008), the Dergamish massive sulfide deposits (6 to 41 ppb; Gannoun  
424 et al., 2003), and the Red Dog deposit (0.644 to 383 ppb; Morelli et al., 2004), but  
425 similar to those of massive sulfides from the TAG hydrothermal field (2 to > 70 ppb;  
426 Brüggmann et al., 1998) and the Ivanovka massive sulfide deposits (0.18 to 6 ppb;  
427 Gannoun et al., 2003). The variation in Re content reflects changing temperature, pH,  
428 redox conditions and complexing behavior of the hydrothermal fluids, Re is highly  
429 soluble in seawater oxidizing conditions (larger amounts of seawater mixing with  
430 hydrothermal fluid could cause more oxidized conditions), leading to low Re  
431 concentrations in sulfide, whereas under hydrothermal fluid reducing conditions it is  
432 less mobile and becomes concentrated in sulfide (e.g. Brüggmann et al., 1998; Keppler,  
433 1996; Xiong and Wood, 1999).

434 The Os concentrations in massive sulfide samples of this study are general higher (1.7  
435 to 79.9 ppt) than that of massive sulfides from the TAG hydrothermal field (0.04–4.20  
436 ppt; Brüggmann et al., 1998). In comparison to ancient massive sulfides, the Os  
437 abundances of sulfides from this study are typically lower than that of the Iimori  
438 Besshi-type massive sulfide deposit (224 to 660 ppt; Nozaki et al., 2010), the  
439 Alexandrinka ancient seafloor hydrothermal system (69 to 1,071 ppt; Tessalina et al.,  
440 2008), the Dergamish and Ivanovka massive sulfide deposits (18 to 2,463 ppt;

441 Gannoun et al., 2003), and the Red Dog deposit (14 to 3,353 ppt; Morelli et al., 2004).  
442 Because of the great mobility of Os in the high-temperature hydrothermal system  
443 (Brüggemann et al., 1998), Os concentrations in sulfide samples from the EPR near  
444 13°N and 1-2°S, MAR, CIR, SWIR, and BAB are general higher than that of the  
445 massive sulfides from the TAG hydrothermal field, suggesting the formation  
446 temperatures of these sulfides are relatively lower than that of the sulfides from the  
447 TAG hydrothermal field (> 300°C; Chiba et al., 2001).

448 In many submarine hydrothermal systems, low-temperature (< 200 °C), diffusely  
449 venting sulfide chimneys are common (e.g. Ames et al., 1993). Sulfide assemblages  
450 which were formed at different temperatures have distinct major and trace element  
451 compositions, such as Pb, which is enriched in the minor of invisible galena, Pb-As  
452 sulfosalts in massive sulfide samples (see Fig. 2), is usually precipitated in the  
453 low-temperature, slightly oxidizing conditions during the late or the waning stage of  
454 hydrothermal activity (e.g. Fouquet et al., 1996; Kim et al., 2006; Kristall et al., 2006),  
455 and are attributed to the weaker HS<sup>-</sup> complexation at lower temperature (Hannington  
456 et al., 1991). The Os/Re ratios of massive sulfides show positive correlations ( $R^2 =$   
457  $0.67, p < 0.01, n = 11$ ) with Pb (up to 0.15 wt.% concentrations) in the EHF (Fig. 6a),  
458 which might also indicate Os incorporated into sulfides under lower temperature  
459 conditions, possibly less than 200 °C (Hannington et al., 1991).

460 In massive sulfide samples, very low Re content (< 1 ppb) showed positive correlation  
461 with Fe. High Re content (> 10 ppb) showed negative correlation with Fe (Fig. 6b),  
462 implying that the Re enrichment is not related to the Fe content of massive sulfides.

463 Some high-Fe samples (e.g. sample 19III-S18-TVG9, Fe content 43.8 %, and sample  
464 IR05-TVG13-9.1, Fe content 38.4 %) had the highest Os content (79.9 ppt) and some  
465 had the lowest Os content (1.7 ppt) (see Table 2). This tends to imply, judging from  
466 these samples, that the Os contents of these massive sulfides are not primarily  
467 controlled by the Fe content. Massive sulfide samples with very low Re contents (<  
468 0.2 ppb) have very low Cu contents. Samples with intermediate Re contents (0.2 to 5  
469 ppb) have a wide range of Cu content. Samples with high Re contents (> 5 ppb) also  
470 show a significant range of Cu content (Fig. 6c). On the other hand, massive sulfide  
471 samples with lower Re concentration usually have higher Zn concentration (Fig. 6d),  
472 and Os/Re ratios are high in the Zn-enriched sulfide mineral aggregate samples (e.g.  
473 sample 26.1GTV-1, IR05-TVG12-8-3 and IR05-TVG12-14). This also indicates that  
474 Re is less compatible than Os in sphalerite or Zn-enriched sulfide mineral aggregate  
475 samples, and together these suggest that the Re-Os enrichment is not related to  
476 Zn-enriched sulfide mineral facies. This phenomenon is also observed in ancient VMS  
477 deposit such as the Red Dog deposit with the higher Re and Os content of pyrite than  
478 sphalerite in the massive sulfides (Morelli et al., 2004).

479 In addition, the high Os contents of sulfides from the Alexandrinka, the Dergamish  
480 and Ivanovka massive sulfide deposits in island-arc environment show that the  $^{187}\text{Os}$   
481 enrichment of the sulfides from  $^{187}\text{Re}$  decay (Brügmann et al., 1998; Tessalina et al.,  
482 2008), and the estimated minimal Os contents of Devonian fluid (20 ppt; Tessalina et  
483 al., 2008) are three orders of magnitude higher than that ( $1.9\text{--}98\times 10^{-3}$  ppt; Sharma et  
484 al., 2000, 2007) of the hydrothermal fluid from the Juan de Fuca Ridge in mid-ocean

485 ridge setting, suggesting that seafloor hydrothermal massive sulfides from MOR (e.g.  
486 EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, CIR, and MAR) are characterized by low Os  
487 concentrations compared with island-arc hosted VHMS deposits (e.g. Urals, Iberian  
488 pyrite belt; Tessalina et al., 2008). In contrast to the seafloor hydrothermal massive  
489 sulfides (Fig. 3a, 3b), the MORBs are depleted in Re and Os which might explain the  
490 higher  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of the sulfides from the EPR near 1-2°S and the KHF, since  
491 an increasing  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio shows the interaction of oxidized seawater and reduced  
492 hydrothermal fluid. The higher Os and Re concentrations in these samples may reflect  
493 that Os and Re were concentrated in the fluid, Os and Re behaves as a highly mobile  
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507 4.3. Re-Os Flux

508 These modern massive sulfide sample analyses allow a meaningful estimate of the  
509 magnitude of the hydrothermal Re and Os flux. We present a simple calculation below  
510 the premise that vent fluids can readily supply Re and Os with the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio  
511 near the present-day seawater ( $\sim 1.06$ ) to the massive sulfides. The amount of seafloor  
512 massive sulfide deposits in the global oceans has been estimated by using new deposit  
513 occurrence data from 10,000 km of ridge, arc, and back-arc spreading centers, which  
514 is on the order of  $6 \times 10^8$  tonnes, containing about  $3 \times 10^7$  tonnes of copper and zinc  
515 (Hannington et al., 2011). The method to roughly estimate the seafloor massive  
516 sulfide sink for Re and Os:

517  $S_{\text{Re}} = M_{\text{sulfide}} \times X_{\text{Re}} \dots \dots \dots (1)$

518  $S_{\text{Os}} = M_{\text{sulfide}} \times X_{\text{Os}} \dots \dots \dots (2)$

519 where  $S_{\text{Re}}$  and  $S_{\text{Os}}$  are the soluble Re and Os from hydrothermal fluids supplied to the  
520 massive sulfide deposits;  $M_{\text{sulfide}}$  is the total mass of seafloor massive sulfide deposits,  
521 as above; and  $X_{\text{Re}}$  and  $X_{\text{Os}}$  are the Re and Os contents in the massive sulfide. Based on  
522 analyses of Re (0.1–73.60 ppb) and Os (1.7–79.9 ppt) in seafloor massive sulfides  
523 from the EPR near 13°N and 1-2°S, MAR, CIR, SWIR, and BAB, it is estimated that  
524 roughly 0.6 to 44 tonnes (avg 4 tonnes,  $n = 38$ ) of soluble Re and 1 to 48 kg (avg 8 kg,  
525  $n = 38$ ) of soluble Os from hydrothermal fluids is supplied to the sulfide deposits.

526 In addition, Os enrichment of seafloor massive sulfide samples from the EPR near  
527 13°N and 1-2°S, LHF, KHF, EHF, A area, and S99HF is occurring under  
528 low-temperature hydrothermal fluid conditions. On the mid-ocean ridges, the mass of



529 hydrothermal fluid heated to low-temperatures (< 350 °C) is on the order of 6–12  
530  $\times 10^{13}$  kg/yr (Elderfield and Schultz, 1996). Assuming Os concentration of 98 pg/kg in  
531 the low-temperature fluids as suggested by Sharma et al. (2000), the global flux of Os  
532 to low-temperature hydrothermal vents is about 5–11 kg per year, far less than the 100  
533 kg per year estimated by Ravizza et al. (1996). On these figures, it is seen that in just  
534 several years, low-temperature vents at the mid-ocean ridges alone transport more Os  
535 to the oceans than is estimated to occur in all of the seafloor low-temperature  
536 hydrothermal sulfide deposits from the ocean ridges, arcs and back-arc basins. The  
537 fate of the excess Os is unclear, but it has long been known that distal marine  
538 sediments, Fe-Mn crusts and nodules are enriched in Os deposited from plumes  
539 associated with mid-ocean ridge hydrothermal systems (Burton et al., 1999; Palmer  
540 and Turekian, 1986; Ravizza and McMurtry, 1993; Ravizza et al., 1996). This plume  
541 fallout does not form seafloor hydrothermal sulfide deposits, and may account for a  
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551 **5. Conclusions**

552 The study of Re-Os systematics of seafloor massive sulfide from the MORs and BAB  
553 indicates that the Re concentrations range from 0.1 to 73.6 ppb, Os concentrations are  
554 very low, range from 1.7 to 79.9 ppt, and mainly derived from seawater. Two samples  
555 from the LHF have shown that Os content and isotopic compositions are controlled by  
556 the extent of mixing between hydrothermal fluid and seawater. Since the Os in **most**  
557 **of the** modern seafloor massive sulfide samples being predominantly derived from  
558 seawater, it is possible that the initial Os of ancient seafloor sulfide deposits may be  
559 also from ancient seawater. Therefore, the initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  isotopic ratio of sulfide  
560 may be useful in **discussions of** the composition of ancient seawater. **Also, the Re-Os**  
561 **isotopic systematics** may be useful **in speculation about the similarity between ancient**  
562 **sulfide deposit and modern seafloor hydrothermal deposit.**

563 The enrichment of Os in these seafloor massive sulfides is consistently related to  
564 low-temperature (< 200°C) venting. **The massive sulfide samples with lower Re**  
565 **contents and higher Os/Re ratios usually have higher Zn contents, indicating that Re is**  
566 **less compatible than Os in sphalerite or Zn-enriched sulfide mineral aggregates.** It is  
567 estimated that the seafloor massive sulfide deposits contain **a total of** roughly **0.6–44**  
568 **tonnes of Re and 1–48 kg of Os.** This implies that it is unlikely that a large  
569 Re-Os-type massive sulfide deposit will be discovered in the ocean. In addition, the  
570 global flux of Os to low-temperature hydrothermal vents is up to 11 kg per year, **it**  
571 **seems probable that** the excess Os becomes associated with sediments, **Fe-Mn crusts**  
572 **and nodules** distal from the hydrothermal vents.

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771 **Figure Captions**

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773 **Fig. 1.** Locations of seafloor massive sulfide samples from deep-sea hydrothermal  
774 fields.

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776 **Fig. 2.** Examples of Fe-Cu-Zn sulfide assemblages in seafloor massive sulfides. (a)  
777 Photomicrograph of Fe-rich massive sulfide in sample 113.1GTV-1 showing euhedral  
778 pyrite grains and collomorph pyrite. (b) Cu-rich massive sulfide in sample  
779 MAR05-TVG1-9. (c) Zn-rich massive sulfide containing minor chalcopyrite and  
780 pyrite in sample 26.1GTV1. (d) Back-scattered electron microprobe images of the  
781 mineral texture in sample IR05-TVG13-4-2 shows sphalerite that has replaced barite,  
782 and sphalerite containing smaller grain of pyrite. (e) Massive pyrite containing  
783 Pb-sulfide microcrystallite in sample EPR05-TVG1-2-4. (f) Massive pyrite containing  
784 smaller grain of galena in sample 26.2GTV-2. Observations were conducted using a  
785 TESCAN VEGA 3 LMH scanning electron microscope. Ba-barite; Sp-sphalerite;  
786 Py-pyrite; Cpy-chalcopyrite; Gn-galena.

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788 **Fig. 3.** (a) Os concentrations, (b) Re concentrations, (c)  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values, and (d)  
789  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values in seafloor massive sulfides, hydrothermal precipitates,  
790 hydrothermal fluids, hydrothermal plumes, metalliferous sediment, MORBs,  
791 peridotites, sulfides in MORBs, and sulfides in peridotites. Seafloor massive sulfide  
792 data is from Brüggmann et al. (1998) and Ravizza et al. (1996) and this work.

793 High-temperature (HT), low-temperature (LT) hydrothermal fluid and hydrothermal  
794 plume data are from Sharma et al. (2000, 2007). TAG LT hydrothermal precipitate and  
795 metalliferous sediment data are from Ravizza et al. (1996). MORBs and sulfides in  
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797 peridotite and sulfides in peridotite data are from Snow et al. (1995) and Harvey et al.  
798 (2006). Seawater data is from Peucker-Ehrenbrink and Ravizza (2000).

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800 **Fig. 4.** (a) Re concentrations, (b) Os concentrations, (c)  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios, (d)  
801  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of different sulfide mineral assemblages from the seafloor massive  
802 sulfide samples. Red diamond symbols indicate Re concentrations, Os concentrations,  
803  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios, and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of different sulfide mineral assemblages.  
804 Blue crosses indicate the average value of Re concentrations, Os concentrations,  
805  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios, and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of different sulfide mineral assemblages.

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807 **Fig. 5.** (a)  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs.  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  plot; (b)  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs. Os concentration plot.  
808 Mixing curves between seawater and MORBs with a mixing parameter  $r_{\text{SB}} =$   
809  $[\text{Os}]_{\text{MORBs}}/[\text{Os}]_{\text{Seawater}} = 0.1$ , which fit most of the Os data of massive sulfides.  
810 Mixing curves between seawater and abyssal peridotites with a mixing parameter  $r_{\text{SP}} =$   
811  $[\text{Os}]_{\text{abyssal peridotites}}/[\text{Os}]_{\text{Seawater}} = 0.1$ , which fit some of the Os data of massive  
812 sulfides. Mixing curves between seawater and sulfides in MORBs and abyssal  
813 peridotites with mixing parameter  $r_{\text{SSB}} = [\text{Os}]_{\text{sulfides in MORBs}}/[\text{Os}]_{\text{Seawater}} = 0.1$ , and  
814  $r_{\text{SSP}} = [\text{Os}]_{\text{sulfides in abyssal peridotites MORBs}}/[\text{Os}]_{\text{Seawater}} = 0.1$ , respectively.  $r$  reflects the

815 extent of curvature of the mixing curve (Langmuir et al., 1978).  $[^{188}\text{Os}]_{\text{Seawater}}$ ,  
816  $[^{188}\text{Os}]_{\text{MORBs}}$ ,  $[^{188}\text{Os}]_{\text{abyssal peridotites}}$ ,  $[^{188}\text{Os}]_{\text{sulfides in MORBs}}$ , and  $[^{188}\text{Os}]_{\text{sulfides in abyssal peridotites}}$   
817 are the concentrations of  $^{188}\text{Os}$  in seawater, MORBs, abyssal peridotites, sulfides of  
818 MORBs, and sulfides of abyssal peridotites.

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820 **Fig. 6.** Variations of (a) Pb content and Os/Re ratio, (b) Fe content and Re content, (c)  
821 Cu content and Re content, and (d) Zn content and Re content in seafloor massive  
822 sulfide samples. Re content of massive sulfide samples  $< 1$  ppb, there is a positive  
823 correlation between Re and Fe. Re content  $> 10$  ppb, there is a negative correlation  
824 between Re and Fe in massive sulfides.

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837 **Table 1** Description of seafloor massive sulfide samples.

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839 **Table 2** Re-Os isotopic compositions of seafloor massive sulfides.

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### **Research highlights**

- Seawater is a significant source of Re and Os in seafloor massive sulfides
- Initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of ancient sulfides can trace ancient seawater component
- $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios of seafloor massive sulfides is not controlled by mineral facies
- Os is enriched in low-temperature conditions
- Global seafloor sulfide deposits contain roughly 4 tonnes of Re and 8 kg of Os



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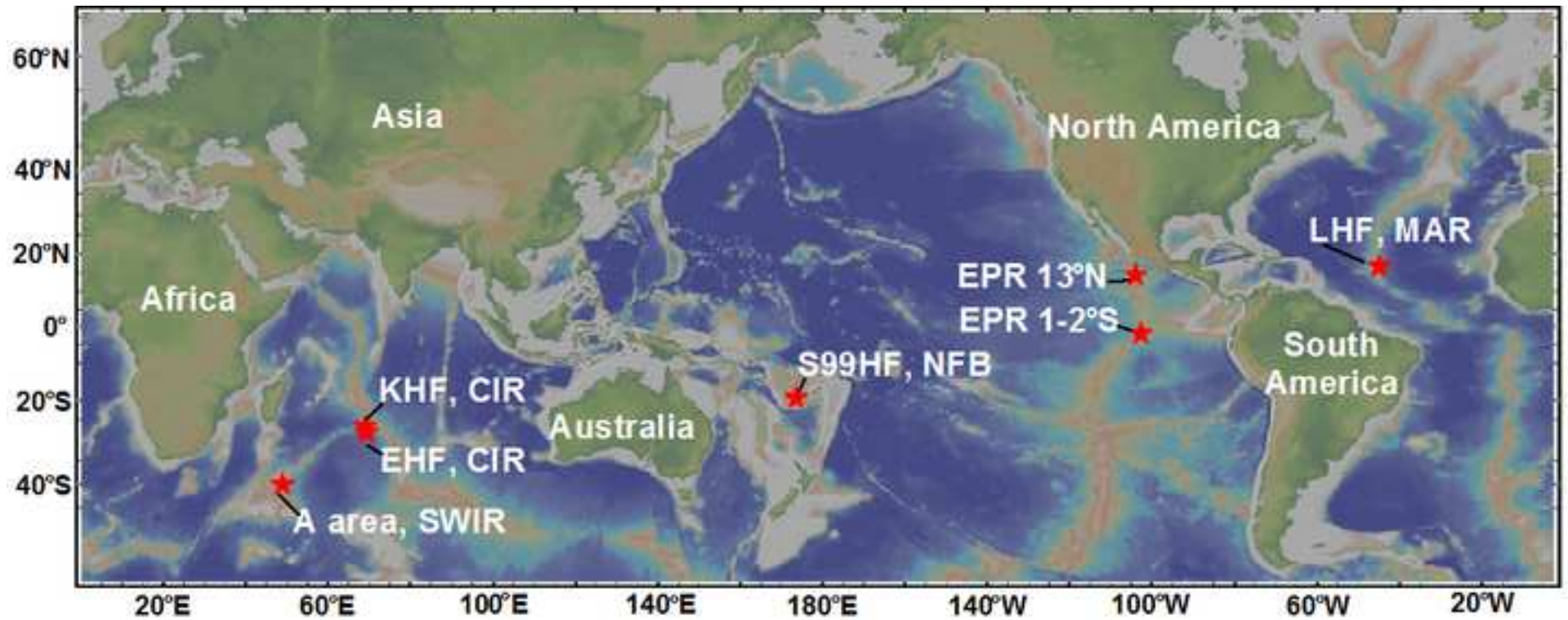


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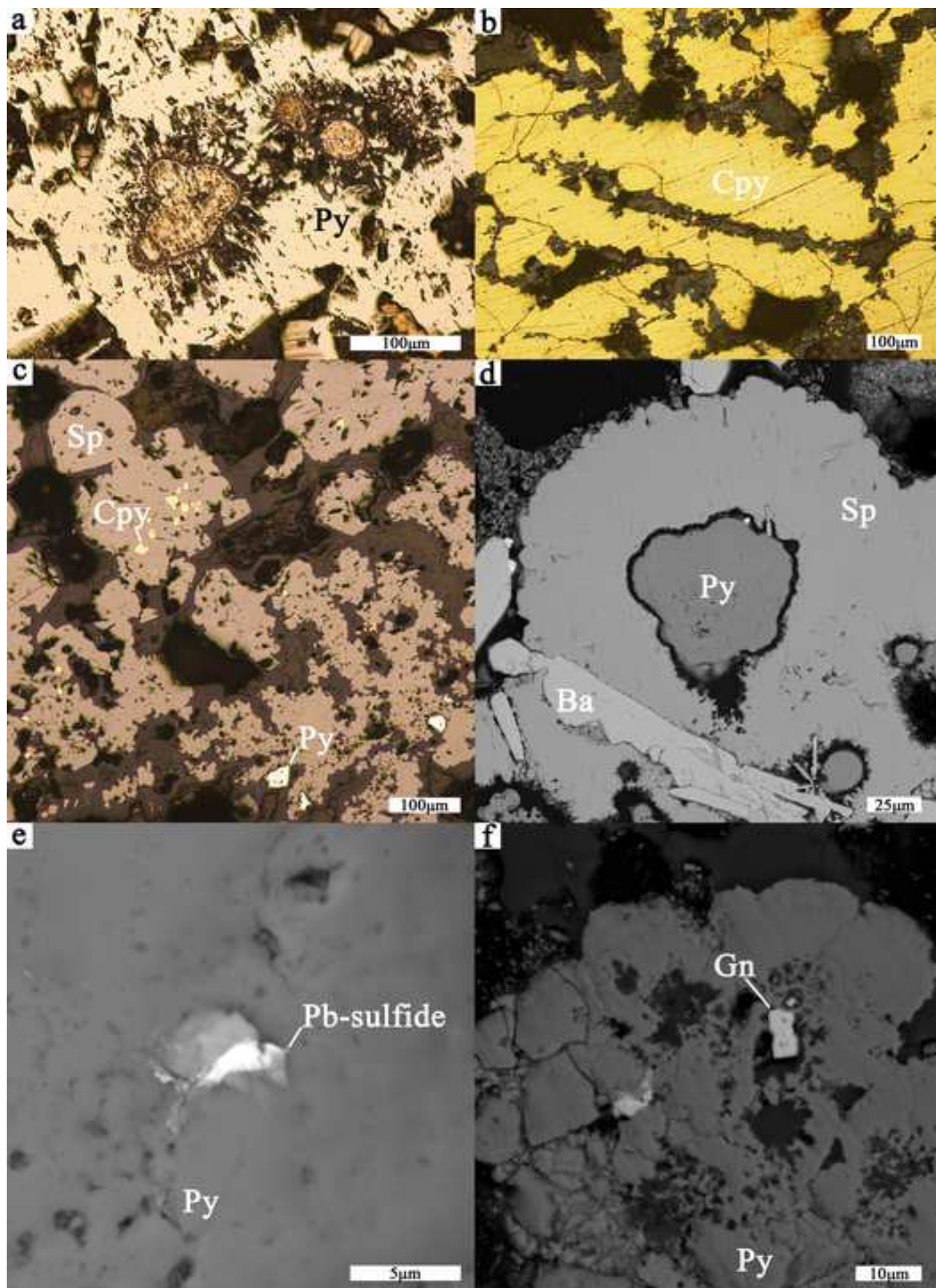


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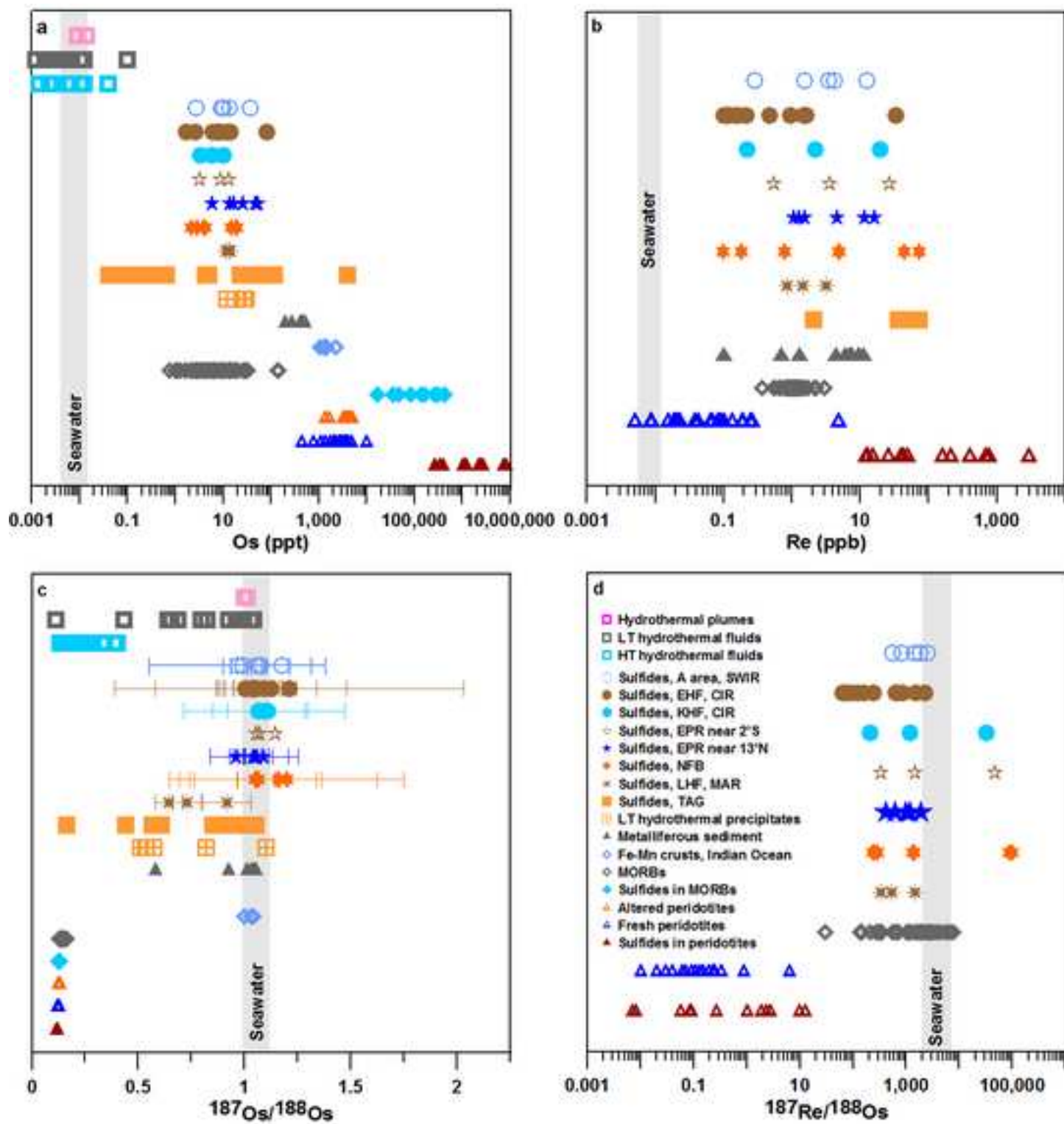


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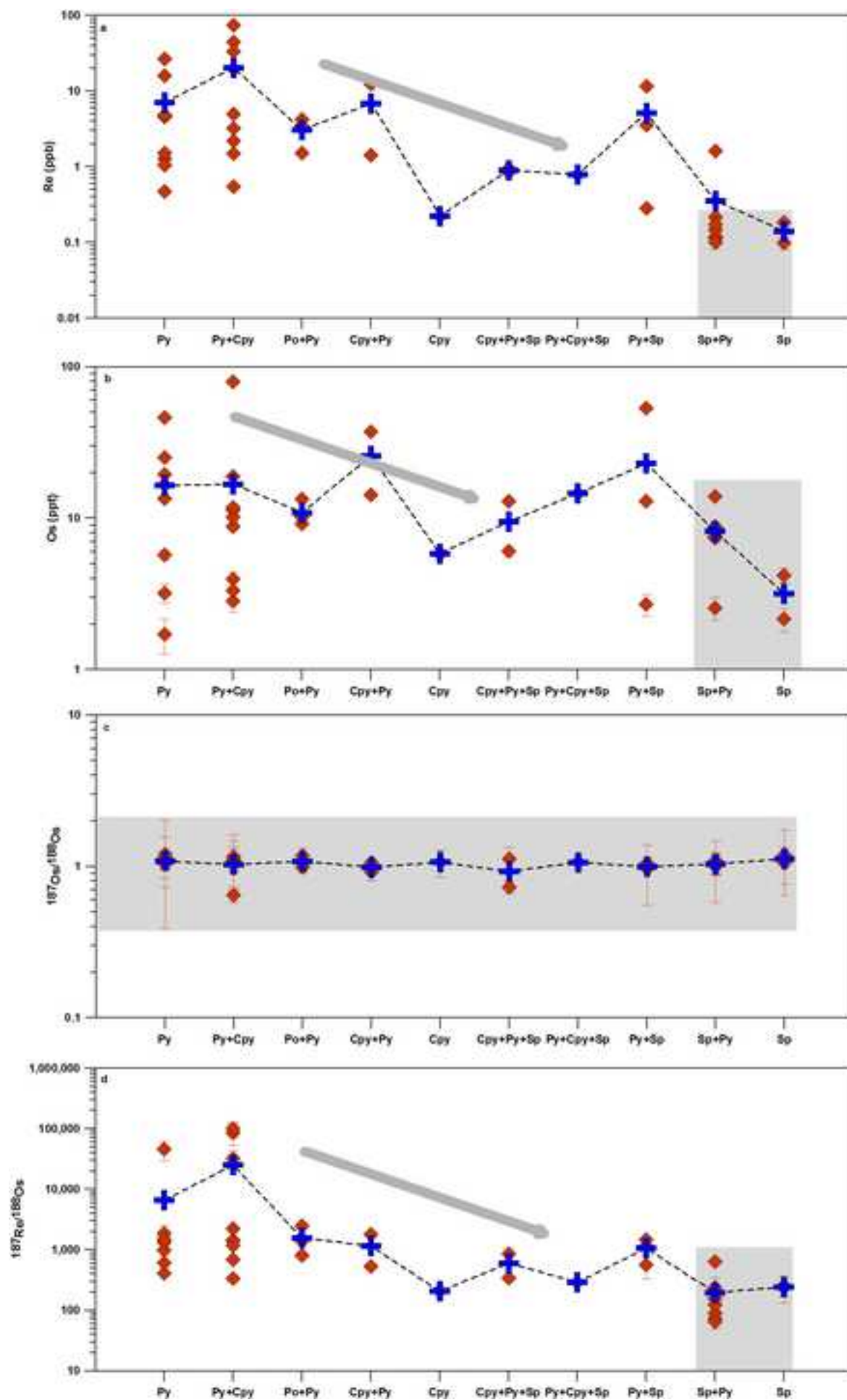


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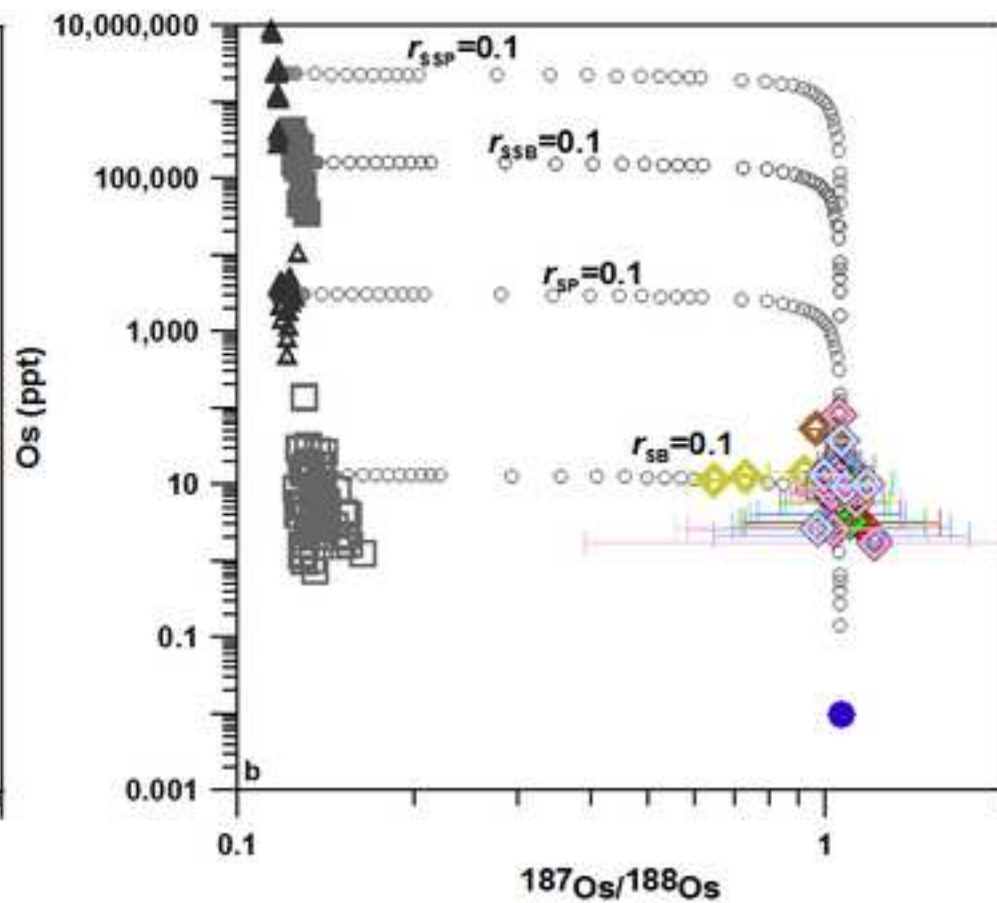
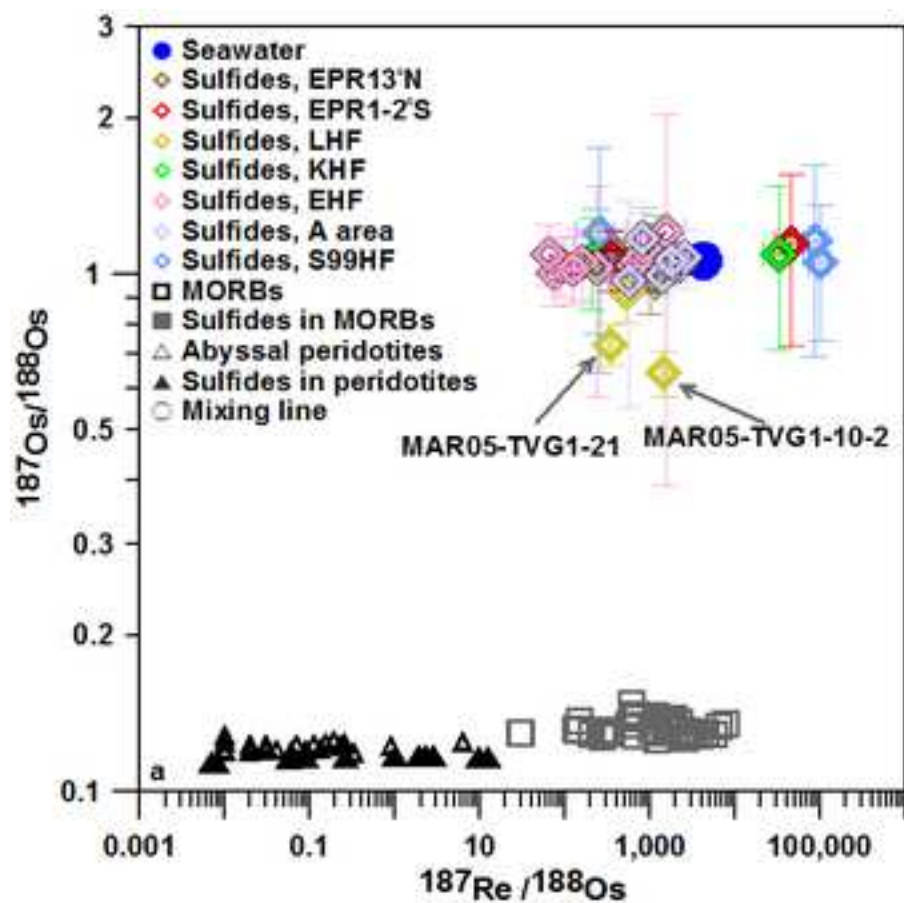
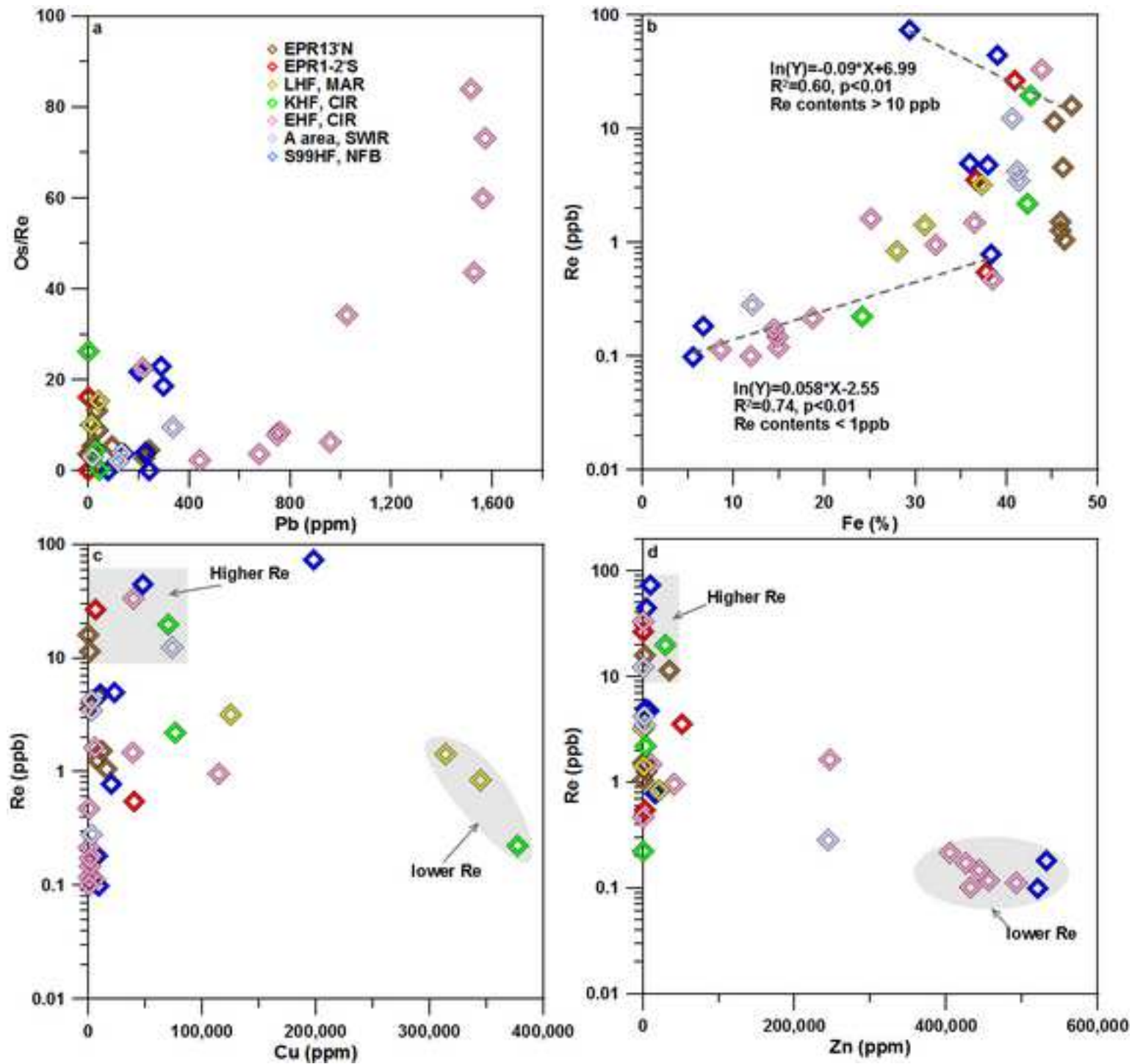


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**Table 1**  
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**Table 1** Description of seafloor massive sulfide samples.

Field	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude	Water depth (m)	Description	Sulfide mineralogy
<i>Fast-spreading mid-ocean ridge</i>						
13°N, EPR	EPR05-TVG1-2	12°42.669'N	103°54.426'W	2,628	Fe-rich massive sulfides coated with tan Fe hydroxides, and small conduits	Py +++; Sp +, Cpy +
13°N, EPR	EPR05-TVG1-3	12°42.669'N	103°54.426'W	2,628	Fe-rich massive sulfides coated with tan Fe hydroxides, and oxidized pyrite aggregates	Py +++; Cpy +, Sp +
13°N, EPR	EPR05-TVG2-1	12°42.678'N	103°54.414'W	2,633	Fe-rich massive sulfides coated with tan Fe hydroxides and many elliptical cavities, showing development of mineral zoning	Py +++; Mc +++; Sp +
<i>Super-fast spreading mid-ocean ridge</i>						
1-2°S, EPR	20III-S4-TVG1-1	1°22.130'S	102°37.360'W	2,747	Porous chimney fragment coated with tan Fe hydroxides and partially filled conduits	Py+++; Mc+, Cpy+; Sp+
1-2°S, EPR	20III-S4-TVG1-2	1°22.130'S	102°37.360'W	2,747	Chimney fragment coated with tan Fe hydroxides	Py +++; Cpy ++; Mc ++; Sp+
1-2°S, EPR	20III-S6-TVG3	2°09.102'S	102°38.760'W	2,921	Outer chimney wall fragment coated with red brown Fe hydroxides and white anhydrite layer	Mc +++; Py +++; Sp ++; Cpy +
<i>Slow-spreading mid-ocean ridge</i>						
LHF, MAR	MAR05-TVG1-9	14°45.186'N	44°58.772'W	3,025	Porous Cu-rich massive sulfide	Cpy +++; Py ++
LHF, MAR	MAR05-TVG1-10	14°45.186'N	44°58.772'W	3,025	Fragment with gypsum, amorphous silica, disseminated marcasite and chalcopyrite	Cpy +++; Py ++
LHF, MAR	MAR05-TVG1-21	14°45.186'N	44°58.772'W	3,025	Cu-rich massive sulfides fragment with small cavities	Cpy +++; Sp +; Py+
<i>Intermediate-spreading mid-ocean ridge</i>						
KHF, CIR	IR05-TVG9	25°19.221'S	70°02.420'E	2,437	Chimney fragment with finely bladed chalcopyrite	Py +++; Cpy +
KHF, CIR	19III-S12-TVG6	25°09.228'S	70°04.482'E	2,443	Porous Cu-rich sulfide fragment with yellowish brown oxides in the cavities, local light green secondary Cu sulfides	Cpy +++
EHF, CIR	IR05-TVG12	23°52.678'S	69°35.808'E	3,293	Grey black Zn-rich massive sulfides coated with red to brown oxide crusts, nodular structure in the outside	Sp +++; Py ++, Mc ++
EHF, CIR	IR05-TVG13-4-1	23°52.684'S	69°35.795'E	3,292	Oxidized columnar chimney coated with red brown oxides,	Cpy +++; Mc++, Sp++,

					and fluid conduits	Py++
EHF, CIR	IR05-TVG13-9.1	23°52.684′S	69°35.795′E	3,292	Irregular crust consisted of red brown to yellowish green oxide, anhydrite and gypsum, with disseminated sulfides	Py+++
EHF, CIR	IR05-TVG13-9.2-1	23°52.684′S	69°35.795′E	3,292	Chimney fragment with red, brown and yellowish green mixture of oxide, anhydrite and gypsum	Mc+++; Cpy++, Sp++, Py++
EHF, CIR	19III-S18-TVG9	23°52.638′S	69°35.850′E	3,282	Porous Fe-Cu rich sulfides with minor sulfates	Py+++; Mc++, Sp++, Cpy++
<i>Super-slow spreading mid-ocean ridge</i>						
A area, SWIR	19II-S7-TVG4	37°47.004′S	49°28.176′E	2,781	Black porous massive sulfides	Sp+++; Py++; Cpy+
A area, SWIR	20V-S35-TVG17	37°46.812′S	49°38.886′E	2,783	Massive sulfide with dark brown oxide crust	Po++, Py++; Cpy+
A area, SWIR	21VII-TVG22	37°56.316′S	49°15.894′E	1,443	Fe-rich chimney fragment coated with grey amorphous silica, conduits partially in-filled with oxides	Cpy++++, Py++++; Mc+, Sp+
<i>Back-arc basin</i>						
S99HF, NFB	113.1GTV	16°57.322′S	173°54.970′E	1,967	Porous massive sulfide	Py++, Cpy++
S99HF, NFB	42GTV	16°57.533′S	173°54.978′E	1,975	Cu-rich chimney fragment with conduits	Cpy++++; Py++, Mc++
S99HF, NFB	26.1GTV	16°57.602′S	173°54.991′E	1,976	Inner Zn-rich chimney wall fragment with yellowish brown oxides	Sp+++; Mc+, Cpy+
S99HF, NFB	26.2GTV	16°57.602′S	173°54.991′E	1,976	Greyish Zn-rich chimney fragment with local honeycomb structure and coarse black sphalerite crystals	Sp+++; Mc+, Cpy+

Py-pyrite; Mc-marcasite; Cpy-chalcopyrite; Sp-sphalerite; Po-pyrrhotite. +++: abundant (>30%); ++: major (5-30%); +: minor (≤5%).



**Table 2**  
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**Table 2** Re-Os isotopic compositions of seafloor massive sulfides.

Sample No.	Mineralogy	Re	±2σ	Os	±2σ	<sup>187</sup> Re/ <sup>188</sup> Os	±2σ	<sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os	±2σ	Initial <sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os	Fe	Cu	Zn	Pb
<i>East Pacific Rise near</i>														
<i>13°N</i>														
EPR05-TVG1-2-1	Py	1.26	0.03	16.70	0.73	410.5	43.7	1.090	0.117	1.090	45.9	8169	4,170	35.1
EPR05-TVG1-2-5	Py	1.53	0.02	13.50	0.50	610.6	52.7	1.038	0.094	1.038	45.9	11,430	488	39.9
EPR05-TVG1-3-1	Py	4.59	0.02	25.11	0.55	987.6	46.9	1.057	0.056	1.057	46.2	8,272	6,083	94.7
EPR05-TVG1-3-2	Py	1.05	0.02	5.74	0.44	990.6	187.1	1.046	0.209	1.046	46.4	15,935	141	17.0
EPR05-TVG2-1-1	Py	15.91	0.07	46.18	0.73	1,857.6	58.9	1.037	0.039	1.036	47.1	227	2,801	223.5
EPR05-TVG2-1-6	Py+Sp	11.54	0.04	53.36	0.78	1,155.6	33.3	0.961	0.034	0.961	45.2	1610	34,790	243.0
<i>East Pacific Rise near</i>														
<i>1-2°S</i>														
20III-S4-TVG1-1-1	Py	26.80	0.09	3.21	0.45	45,589.5	16,091.1	1.143	0.416	1.141	40.9	5,958	865	1.15
20III-S4-TVG1-2-1	Py+Cpy	0.55	0.02	8.85	0.48	334.0	45.0	1.070	0.145	1.070	37.8	40,054	2,334	0.80
20III-S6-TVG3	Py+Sp	3.54	0.02	12.95	0.49	1,475.2	129.8	1.054	0.098	1.054	36.6	1,393	51,142	0.70
<i>Logatchev</i>														
<i>hydrothermal field,</i>														
<i>MAR</i>														
MAR05-TVG1-10-2	Py+Cpy	3.20	0.02	11.35	0.45	1,450.3	133.4	0.645	0.066	0.645	37.3	125,219	267	13.3
MAR05-TVG1-9	Cpy+Py	1.42	0.03	14.31	0.69	528.7	60.7	0.917	0.114	0.917	31.0	314,180	1,422	14.7
MAR05-TVG1-21	Cpy+Py+Sp	0.84	0.02	12.92	0.47	339.5	29.2	0.730	0.066	0.730	27.9	344,227	20,820	41.4
<i>Kairei hydrothermal</i>														
<i>field, CIR</i>														
IR05-TVG9-1	Py+Cpy	2.21	0.03	10.22	0.69	1,174.5	193.1	1.109	0.189	1.109	42.3	76,665	3,054	27.9
IR05-TVG9-3	Py+Cpy	19.78	0.07	3.31	0.45	32,379.8	10,888.0	1.093	0.380	1.092	42.7	70,004	30,130	45.9
19III-S12-TVG6	Cpy	0.22	0.02	5.84	0.46	206.3	44.4	1.067	0.215	1.067	24.1	376,988	801	1.54
<i>Edmond hydrothermal</i>														
<i>field, CIR</i>														
IR05-TVG12-5-4	Sp+Py	0.11	0.02	2.56	0.43	237.7	108.3	1.029	0.450	1.029	8.61	5,560	492,389	216
IR05-TVG12-8-2	Sp+Py	1.63	0.02	13.96	0.49	629.8	52.0	1.041	0.090	1.041	25.1	5,287	246,400	758

IR05-TVG12-8-3	Sp+Py	0.22	0.02	7.40	0.46	157.9	28.1	1.052	0.167	1.052	18.6	854	405,000	1,024
IR05-TVG12-9-1	Sp+Py	0.12	0.02	8.68	0.47	73.4	15.9	1.004	0.138	1.004	14.9	912	455,500	1,571
IR05-TVG12-11	Sp+Py	0.15	0.02	8.84	0.46	90.0	16.6	1.038	0.137	1.038	14.9	1,010	443,500	1,560
IR05-TVG12-12	Sp+Py	0.17	0.02	7.58	0.45	123.3	22.4	1.025	0.153	1.025	14.4	1,058	425,900	1,528
IR05-TVG12-14	Sp+Py	0.1	0.0	8.4	0.5	64.7	15.2	1.094	0.149	1.094	11.9	938	432,404	1,515
IR05-TVG13-4-1	Cpy+Py+Sp	1.0	0.0	6.0	0.5	861.2	159.5	1.125	0.215	1.125	32.2	114,193	40,755	959
IR05-TVG13-9.1	Py	0.5	0.0	1.7	0.4	1,514.3	1,002.3	1.209	0.820	1.209	38.4	803	270	677
IR05-TVG13-9.2-1	Py+Cpy	1.5	0.0	11.8	0.5	684.0	65.1	1.058	0.105	1.058	36.4	39,067	10,404	748
19III-S18-TVG9	Py+Cpy	33.5	0.1	79.9	1.1	2,264.0	56.2	1.048	0.034	1.048	43.8	39,713	332	442
<i>A area, SWIR</i>														
19II-S7-TVG4	Py+Sp	0.3	0.0	2.7	0.4	560.6	233.2	0.968	0.413	0.968	12.0	2,575	244,281	337
20V-S35-TVG17-3-2	Po+Py	3.5	0.0	13.3	0.5	1,399.0	120.1	0.993	0.090	0.993	41.3	2,637	2,480	134
20V-S35-TVG17-4-2	Po+Py	4.2	0.0	9.2	0.5	2,494.5	307.6	1.076	0.140	1.076	41.1	2,580	1,386	121
20V-S35-TVG17-7	Po+Py	1.5	0.0	10.2	0.5	813.9	93.1	1.174	0.140	1.174	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
21VII-TVG22	Cpy+Py	12.4	0.0	37.3	0.7	1,792.4	64.7	1.061	0.045	1.061	40.6	73,348	515	17.4
<i>Sonne 99 hydrothermal field, North Fiji Basin,</i>														
<i>BAB</i>														
113.1GTV-1	Py	4.79	0.03	19.46	0.61	1,330.4	93.8	1.053	0.087	1.053	37.9	10,357	7,875	227
113.1GTV-2	Py+Cpy	4.97	0.03	18.84	0.60	1,426.3	102.8	1.057	0.089	1.057	36.0	22,903	3,734	143
42GTV-1	Py+Cpy	44.45	0.15	2.83	0.44	85,800.7	33,324.5	1.160	0.466	1.157	39.0	48,071	5,146	240
42GTV-3	Py+Cpy	73.60	0.25	3.96	0.45	100,334.7	28,260.7	1.052	0.310	1.049	29.3	197,581	10,239	78.4
113.2GTV	Py+Cpy+Sp	0.79	0.02	14.61	0.54	291.1	25.8	1.066	0.102	1.066	38.3	20,238	15,960	297
26.1GTV-1	Sp	0.10	0.02	2.15	0.38	252.1	120.7	1.197	0.551	1.197	5.51	8,896	520,500	200
26.2GTV-1	Sp	0.18	0.02	4.21	0.45	234.0	66.1	1.051	0.287	1.051	6.64	7,882	531,900	289

Py-Fe sulfide, including pyrite and marcasite; Cpy-chalcopyrite; Sp-Zn sulfide, including sphalerite and wurtzite; Po-pyrrhotite. Unit ppb for Re; ppt for Os; % for Fe; ppm for Cu, Zn

and Pb; n.a. not analyzed. Initial <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os composition has been calculated at 2 ka.